

# 2005–2006 Hunting Seasons Quick Reference

**Note: For specific details on seasons and areas, see the Department's Web site.**

## Big Game

### Deer

#### Archery

Statewide (Early) – October 1–November 18

West (Late) – December 5–January 7

Chesapeake, Suffolk (east) & Virginia Beach –  
December 1–January 7

Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Patrick & Pittsylvania (west) –  
December 19–January 7

Urban Archery – September 17–30 and

January 9–March 25 (special restrictions apply)

#### Muzzleloader

East (Early) – November 5–18

West (Early) – November 12–18

West & certain counties east (Late) – December 17–  
January 7

Chesapeake & Virginia Beach (Late) –  
December 17–January 7

#### Firearms

East – November 19–January 7

West – November 19–December 3

Chesapeake, Suffolk (east) & Virginia Beach –  
October 1–November 30

Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Patrick & Pittsylvania (west) –  
November 19–December 17

### Turkey

#### Fall

**Archery** – October 1–November 12

#### Firearms

Generally – October 31–November 12, November 24,  
and December 12–January 7.

Prince George, Isle of Wight, Southampton, Surry,  
Sussex and Buchanan – October 31–November 12  
and November 24

Certain counties in Northern Neck, Middle and Lower  
Peninsula areas – October 31–November 12,  
November 24, and December 12–24

#### Spring Gobbler

(Statewide) General – April 8–May 13

Youth Day (Statewide, age 15 and younger) – April 1

### Bear

#### Archery

(Statewide) – October 8–November 12

#### Muzzleloading

(Certain counties) – November 15–18

#### Firearms

West (certain counties) – November 28–January 7

Southwest (certain counties) – December 5–17

Chesapeake, Suffolk, Virginia Beach – November 7–  
January 7

#### Hound Training

Certain counties – August 27–September 24

## Small Game and Furbearers

### Bobcat

November 1–January 31

### Coyote

Continuous open season

### Crow

August 20–March 18 (On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays,  
and Saturdays only)

### Fox

**Firearms** (certain counties)– November 1–January 31

**Dogs Only** (except National Forest and certain public  
lands– Continuous open season

### Groundhog

Continuous open season

### Grouse

October 31–February 11 (west of I-95)

### Opossum

October 15–March 10

### Quail & Pheasant

November 14–January 31

### Rabbit

November 7–February 14

### Raccoon

**Firearms** – October 15–March 10

**Chase Season** (east except National Forest, west private  
lands only) – August 1–May 31

### Skunk

Continuous open season for striped skunks only

### Squirrel

**Firearms** – September 3– January 31

(fox squirrels certain counties)

## Trapping

### Beaver, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Weasel:

December 1–February 28

### Bobcat, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon

November 15–February 28

### Coyote, Nutria, Skunk (striped only)

Continuous open season

### Rabbit

October 15–January 31